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# SIGN CODE Rules & Regulations

## *A Guide for Maricopa Businesses*

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## Important Sign Ordinances & Definitions

**#1.** Permits are required for all signs except those in Sec. 409.04. Temporary sign permits are issued for a period of 30 days and are not renewed until 14 days after the permit expiration date. Permits will be issued no more than eight times per year.

**#2.** Signs cannot block or otherwise interfere with fire exits, ingress & egress into a building or structure, pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

**#3.** Signs not allowed in Maricopa:

- ◆ Billboards
- ◆ Off-site signs - except those listed in Sec. 409.12 and Sec. 409.13
- ◆ Advertising signage painted, mounted or attached to trailers, boats and motor vehicles parked intentionally for advertising
- ◆ Bandit signs

**#4.** Signs are prohibited on or in:

- ◆ Sight visibility triangles
- ◆ Street signs
- ◆ Traffic signals
- ◆ Utility housings/boxes
- ◆ Trees
- ◆ Fences
- ◆ Fire hydrants
- ◆ Park benches
- ◆ Mailboxes
- ◆ Streetlights/utility poles
- ◆ Right-of-way

**#5. Illegal or prohibited signs will be removed or confiscated.**

### Zoning Code, Chapter 16, Section 409 Signs

**Bandit sign** - temporary sign made of cardboard or foam board mounted on angle iron or a wooden stake

**Banner** - temporary sign of fabric, plastic or other light pliable materials not enclosed in a rigid frame

**Off-site sign** - sign located outside the property that directs attention for a commercial purpose to a business, commodity, service, entertainment, product or attraction not sold, offered or existing where the sign is located

**Portable sign** - temporary sign not affixed to a structure or ground, mounted on a site. Sign rests on the ground and consists of two (2) sign faces but is not limited to A-frames

**Sight visibility triangle** - area of visibility on a street corner allowing for safe operation of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists in the proximity of intersecting streets, rail lines, sidewalks and bicycle paths

**Temporary sign** - sign of a non-permanent nature advertising a special event, sale, product or service

### WINDOW DISPLAY SIGNAGE

The total aggregate area of all window and interior display signs shall not exceed 50 percent of the total area of the windows through which they are visible.



### TEMPORARY SIGNS

- ◆ Maximum eight times per year for 30 consecutive days, minimum of 14 days between each display; banners and pennants on building only
- ◆ Maximum banner size allowed = 4 feet x 8 feet or 32 square feet; one banner per street frontage
- ◆ Grand openings and temporary sales events require approval from the City of Maricopa
- ◆ No pennants, banners or promotional displays permitted on or above the roof
- ◆ No signs or displays allowed in the public right-of-way or attached to any street light, traffic signal pole or utility pole
- ◆ Balloons must be securely fastened, shall not project above the building roofline, and shall not project more than 15 feet above grade when a building is not present



### Real Estate Signs

- ◆ Permitted in all zones
- ◆ Residential districts - one sign displayed on property frontage allowed, maximum size - 6 square feet, not to exceed 6 feet high
- ◆ Commercial districts - one sign on property allowed, maximum size 12 square feet, not to exceed 6 feet high
- ◆ Maximum four open house/auction signs allowed, including one sign on property; no posting in public right-of-way; maximum size 3 feet high; signs posted only when sales person is on duty at the home but no longer than 12 hours during a 24-hour period



### Sign Walk-

- ◆ Must be located 30 feet from a street or driveway intersection
- ◆ Must stand at least 5 feet from roadway
- ◆ Must maintain minimum distance of 20 feet from any other sign walker
- ◆ Signs must be held, worn or balanced at all times; no tossing or throwing signs
- ◆ Must allow minimum of 4 feet for passage of pedestrians on all sidewalks and walkways



### Commercial Portable Signs

- ◆ Allowed only in CB-1, CB-2, CI-1, CI-2

### Zoning Districts

- ◆ Must have property owner's permission
- ◆ Maximum height 3 feet and 8 square feet in area
- ◆ Only one sign per business
- ◆ Not allowed for real estate sales
- ◆ Must be a minimum of 7 feet from back of curb or edge of pavement if there is no curb

### Temporary Assembly Directional Signs

- ◆ Maximum height - 3 feet and 8 square feet in area
- ◆ No more than four signs allowed
- ◆ Placed on private property with owner's permission, 7 feet from curb or edge of pavement if no curb exists
- ◆ Prohibited locations: sight visibility triangle, fences, boulders, planters, other signs, vehicles, utility facilities or any structure
- ◆ Signs may be placed no earlier than four hours prior to assembly and be removed no later than two hours after assembly concludes



### Portable A-Frame signs Location Restrictions:

A-frame sign located on a corner:



A-frame signs located along streets:



Questions regarding the sight visibility triangle